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In re Patent application of:

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For: *Rotor Type Sprinkler with Reversing
Mechanism Including Sliding Clutch
and Driven Bevel Gears*

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2004 requiring further specificity with regard to Applicant's previous response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 21, 2003, Applicant hereby advises that within Group I, all Claims 1-20 are readable on elected Species A (Figs. 1-81). For the convenience of the examiner, it should be noted that Figs. 82-96 illustrate an alternate embodiment of a sprinkler which is similar to the sprinkler of Figs. 1-81, except that the sprinkler of Figs. 82-96 has a scrubber (166) that scrapes and cleans dirt, algae and other debris off a bi-level screener or strainer 168 each time the inner riser 170 vertically extends and retracts. In addition, the riser 170 of the sprinkler 164 (Figs. 82-96) incorporates a novel ratchet mechanism that normally fixes the rotational position of the inner riser 170 within the outer housing 172, but permits the inner riser 170 to be rotated relative to the outer housing 172 to orient the selected arc over the desired area of coverage.

A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time is transmitted herewith, along with a check in the amount of \$120 to cover the required fee. No additional fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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